

In considering the question of Anastomosis, the Murphy button was excluded on account of the fact that the bowel above was probably loaded with Feces, and an early movement might tear the button out. Then too the patient's condition was very good and it was thought that suturing the cut ends would give him the best chance of recovery.

Inasmuch as the lumen of the cut ends was the same, the easiest and safest method seemed the circular end to end method. The intramesenteric sutures gave considerable difficulty on account of the fact that the whole operation was performed through the Hernial incision. However, a satisfactory apposition of the cut ends of the Mesentery was accomplished with a continuous suture of silk.

Two cut ends of the bowel were then approximated, and a continuous suture of fine catgut through the mucus membrane restored the continuity of the bowel. The serous coats were joined by a series of silk sutures, inserted after the Czerny method.

The bowel was then replaced through the internal ring. There was no attempt made to close the opening into the abdominal cavity on account of the danger of a Fecal Fistula or Peritoneal infection. An Iodoform gauze tampon was inserted through the ring down to the wound in the Intestine and the lower part of the primary incision closed, without any particular effort to approximate the Oblique muscles.

The after treatment caused considerable thought as to how soon it would be advisable to allow the bowels to move, especially since he had not now had a motion for a week or more. It was decided however to keep them from moving for four or five days.

On January 6, a Soap Enema was given which was successful. Castor Oil was then administered, which moved the bowels very freely with little or no discomfort to the patient. The wound healed up nicely and the packing was removed altogether on the seventh day.

On the eighth day after the operation the patient was on regular diet. Two weeks later another operation was performed, closing up the Hernial opening, dissecting out the abdominal muscle as well as possible and suturing them with Kangaroo tendon. This wound healed by first intention. Three weeks later he was allowed out of bed, and made a rapid convalescence. In spite of warning to the contrary, he was hard at work on his homestead six months later, and is enjoying the best of health.

If one were to moralize on the above, it would be with reference to the lack of proportion between the Constitutional